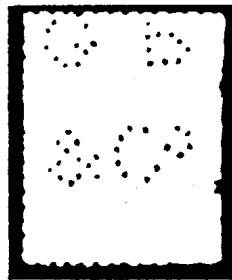
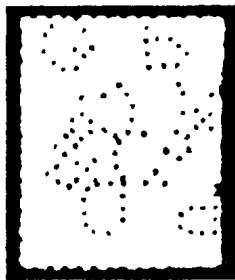


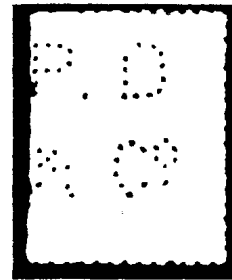
DOUBLE STRIKE LINE ENGRAVED PERFIN

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Roy's piece (Bulletin 313 page 10-11) on double perfin strikes reminded me of a line engraved double strike in my collection. For some time I have owned this perfin die on a Id Line engraved plate 201, but as the stamp was in poor condition I had given it little attention. The perfin is a double strike from two different companies. With careful extraction of pins the two dies become evident - G0480.01 (GB/&C^o) and P1585.01 (P.D/&C^o.) The G0480.01 die is upright on the stamp and the P1585.01 die is inverted.



G0480.01



P1565.01

Die G0480.01 is thought to have been used by George Boor & Co, Wholesale Druggists at 55 Bishopsgate St Without, London EC. This company is also recorded at 1 & 2 Artillery Lane, London EC and 119 Wood St, London EC where they are known as warehousemen.

Die PI565.01 has been linked with Parke, Davis & Co. Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, Hounslow. Both of these identities however are provisional but are well tied in with their known cancellations. The fact that both identities are firms associated with the drugs trade lends considerable support to these provisional identities.

As the G0480.0I strike is upright on the stamp it is likely that this was the original perfin. So maybe Parke Davis overpaid for some chemicals needed for making some patent medicine and George Boor refunded the difference with some stamps - a common practice at that time. When Parke Davis received these stamps they perfined them again and hence the double strike.